

# BAR RECOVERY CHECKLIST

Best practices to responsibly re-open Tampa's bars during the COVID-19 pandemic

Following Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-139 effective June 5, 2020

## Reduce Person-to-Person Transmission

- Limit indoor occupancy to 50% capacity  
*Required under Phase 2*
- Only serve patrons who are seated at a table or bar *Required under Phase 2*
- Require face coverings for employees
- Provide patrons with masks
- Use a reservation system to limit occupancy
- Enforce social distancing guidelines including 6-foot distance separation
- Screen employees and patrons

## Reduce Surface-to-Person Transmission

- Cleaning protocols (weekly/daily/hourly)
- Make hand sanitizing stations available at building entry & exit, at bar drink stations, outside of restroom, and other strategic locations
- Use touchless payment system
- Train staff on sanitation procedures
- Automatic faucets in restrooms
- Place handwashing signage in restrooms
- Use disposable drinkware

## Reduce Aerosol Transmission

- Increase ventilation  
*Good ventilation is as impactful as vaccinating 50-60% of the population in a poor ventilation scenario*
- Maintain building humidity between 40%-60%  
*Humidity higher than 40% is associated with a profound reduction in the infectivity of an aerosolized virus*
- Upgrade air filtration system to allow HEPA or MERV 16 filters  
*HEPA filters remove 99.97% of air particles, MERV 16 filters trap 95% or more air particles*
- Install air filtration systems in restrooms
- Install lids on toilet seats
- Use paper towels in restrooms instead of air dryers
- Adapt outdoor areas

The only way bars can stay open is if everyone follows the rules for a responsible re-opening. Establishments, staff and patrons that do not follow the rules are subject to a \$500 fine and possible closure.

**If you have questions, please call 1 (833) TPA-INFO**